



An Enduring Gift

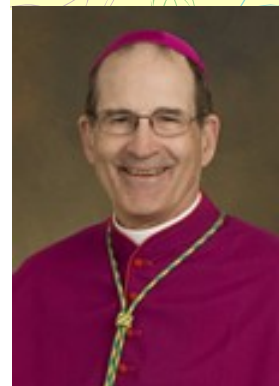
Founded in 1999-2000, the St. Croix Catholic Endowment Fund has become an important source of financial support for Catholic education over the past 15 years. Parishioners, alumni, and other supporters of the school have made donations to the Endowment Fund to honor loved ones, mark family milestones, honor Catholic educators, and celebrate sacraments.

The beauty of the Endowment Fund is that it will always be here. Gifts made to the Fund are never spent. Instead, the gifts are invested and only a portion of the earnings are used to support the school's annual operating budget. Over the past few years, approximately \$161,000 in earnings has been distributed back to support the school's mission. As the balance of the Fund grows with new gifts, its potential to "give back" also grows. Gifts made to the Endowment Fund are truly gifts that keep on giving.

The cost to educate a child at St. Croix Catholic is approximately \$5,800; this cost is met through a combination of tuition, parish subsidies, fundraising, and this fourth pillar of support - the St. Croix Catholic School Endowment Fund.

Thank you to all who support this perpetual source of financial support. The presence of this fund is much like the presence of a shepherd to his flock: it is a foundation that our school community will always be able to count on.

Bishop John LeVoir Legacy Garden



In Spring 2009, upon leaving for his new assignment as Bishop of the New Ulm, the beloved Father John LeVoir challenged the St. Croix Valley community to grow the St. Croix Catholic School Endowment Fund to the \$1 million mark. We were pleased to share with Bishop LeVoir this Summer 2013 that the community met his challenge. The Fund's balance currently stands at just over \$1 million. Bishop LeVoir's vision and leadership were instrumental in helping us achieve this milestone.

To keep pace with increasing costs, we clearly need to keep building this Fund. We've been blessed with a growing number of donors, many of who choose to give at the level of \$1,000 or more. These gifts are acknowledged with Legacy Pavers. These beautiful brick pavers, engraved with wording of the donors' choice, have been on display on the front lawn of the school. As we've grown the Fund, we've outgrown this original display area. We recently broke ground on a new Legacy Paver Garden—located on the south side of the gymnasium where the school previously maintained a garden. We are pleased that Bishop LeVoir has accepted our request to name this Garden in his honor- the **Bishop John LeVoir Legacy Garden**. Bishop LeVoir will be joining us for a special blessing of the Legacy Garden on August 16, 2014. The garden will provide a virtually limitless display of Legacy Pavers well into the future. The garden will double as an outdoor classroom as well as a lovely reception area for wedding photos, luncheons, and the like. We look forward to sharing this beautiful venue with the entire faith community.

During his tenure as Pastor of the Churches of St. Michael and St. Mary and Canonical Administrator of St. Croix Catholic School, Father LeVoir was particularly gifted at communicating the value of building the St. Croix Catholic School Endowment Fund as a perpetual source of income for Catholic education. He inspired many with his steadfast faith, his financial acumen, and his humble way of giving back to the Lord. We are most honored that Bishop LeVoir has accepted our invitation to name our new Legacy Garden in his honor.

Building the Legacy Garden



The existing Legacy Pavers (the founding donors of the Endowment Fund) will be displayed in the cross, shown in the landscaping sketch, with the entire path available for new donors. The *Bishop John LeVoir Legacy Garden* will double as an outdoor classroom for art, science, and other subjects conducive to outdoor learning. We also anticipate that it will be a lovely area for wedding photos, small receptions, luncheons, and the like. We are excited to be able to share this beautiful area with the entire faith community.



Thank You to our supporters who believe in and support the mission of Catholic education.



To ensure financial prudence, the building of the Legacy Garden will be phased in. Phase I will include excavating the area, building a retaining wall (which will double as seating), building plant beds, and laying a temporary gravel path. The statues and garden markers currently in the garden are included in the new landscaping design. Funding for Phase I is secured.

Donations specific to Phase II,

which will be primarily cutting and laying in the paver path, are currently being accepted. Our goal is to collect support necessary over the next year, and complete Phase II in Summer 2014. A total of \$18,000 is needed to complete the project.



A Donor Plaque will be installed at the Garden site.

All donations made to the construction of the Bishop John LeVoir Legacy Garden will be permanently recognized on this plaque.

Please make donations payable to: **St. Croix Catholic School** with ***Bishop John LeVoir Legacy Garden*** on the memo line.

Send to:

St. Croix Catholic School

Attention: Camille Kiolbasa, Development Director

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Camille will contact donors to ensure desired wording for the donor plaque.